Connecting the district courts with prisons through video conferencing

3863. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several district courts across the country have been connected to district prisons through video conferencing, for questioning of prisoners;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the status of implementation of the programme under which the said video links are being set up;

(c) whether the new system will do away with the practice of prisoners being transported to courts' premises for routine questioning and other matters; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) No programme with Central financial assistance, for providing video links for connecting the district courts to the district prisons in the States, is under implementation for questioning of prisoners.

Establishment of women courts

†3864. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women courts constituted to deal with the cases of atrocities on women as on date, location-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal to constitute women courts in some more States also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (c) As per the Criminal Procedure Code, Central Government/State Governments can set up Special courts in consultation with the concerned High Courts to try any

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